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BIRTHS.

At Peking, on the 19th April, the wife of  
CHARLES H. OLIVER, of a son.

On 2nd May, at Mount Kellett, the wife of W.  
K. WYLIE, of a son.

The Hongkong Telegraph.  
HONGKONG, SATURDAY, MAY 2, 1891.

THE HONGKONG BANK AND THE  
SHARE MARKET.

The April settlements, according to reports  
which ought to be reliable, have been  
arranged in a fashion that convenient  
negotiable instrument the P. N. having  
as customary played a rather important  
role in squaring matters. It is suggested  
that the huge army of irregular jobbers  
in the colony should henceforth play  
at marbles or skittles, either of these  
games being an amusing and harmless  
pastime, which neither requires *know-how* to  
bank clerks and others of that ilk clothed  
with a little brief authority, nor the  
manipulation of such compromising  
documents as promissory notes. The  
experiences of the past few months clearly  
enough show that the spirit of reckless  
share gambling is just as much alive and  
rampant as ever, and has only been  
temporarily suspended owing to dull times  
and a very wide-spread and much to be  
deplored scarcity of the alineas of war.  
But in certain quarters a very large amount

of speculation is nevertheless understood  
to have been indulged in by more or less  
influential operators, especially in Bank  
shares, and something very like an inspired  
"Corner"—inspiration in matters concerning  
the private business of the Hongkong  
and Shanghai Bank has, alas, for a very  
long time past been of only too frequent  
occurrence—is rumoured to have been  
hopelessly "bust" owing to that unfortunate  
and totally unforeseen and unprovided for  
Parsee failure in Bombay.

Who led the attack against the  
"bulls"? Why, of course, the local  
leviathan of the Rialto. When the clever  
(in their own estimation) would-be manipu-  
lators of the Hongkong Share Market  
get into difficulties through their own  
anxious and asinine blundering, as a  
common rule they shed bitter tears, loudly  
proclaim that they have been victimised  
by that irrepressible and all-conquering  
speculator, and offer payment of losses  
in doubtful written promises; but when  
they happen, by some wonderful stroke  
of luck and per favor of the "Inspiration"  
above referred to, aided by  
special privileges as to overdrawing their  
generally decrepit and doubtful accounts  
without tangible security of any sort, to  
get that astute gentleman into a corner,  
they cheerfully annex his dollars and  
rejoice exceedingly. And then they call  
him bad names, ay, even those who make  
their livelihood out of his patronage,  
and lavishly enjoy his princely hospitality.  
It is not so very long ago that a  
certain *coterie* of adventurous wire-pullers  
tried to leave our old friend high and dry  
on a big gamble in Banks; they had  
everything on their side calculated to  
secure success—the Grand Panjandrum, the  
"inspiration" of some of the other honest,  
conscientious and stable Directors, in addition  
to all the brokers who wanted a job,  
some of whom, by the way, are good  
fellows, whilst others are only fit for mops  
to clean the Queen's Road gutters with.  
The "bull" movement on this particular  
occasion didn't quite come off; the versatile  
manipulator from India's coral strand  
hasn't been sculling round Hongkong  
share politics for over a quarter of a  
century without knowing something, and when  
assumed to be completely at the  
mercy of the "bulls" he had four aces up  
his sleeve, and when the crisis came he  
quietly checkmated his adversaries and  
"cornered" them to some purpose. He  
was supposed to have "short-sold," and  
it was on this assumption that the inspired  
combination went actively to work to  
create a fictitious quotation for settlement  
day. But notwithstanding the toils that  
were being woven closely around him, the  
Crosses of the Hongkong Stock Market  
was quite cheerful and kept on selling  
Bank shares with such vigour and displayed  
such an amount of confidence in the policy he  
was pursuing that a scare set in, and the  
omniscient "Corner" took fright when  
they found the stock steadily depreciating  
in spite of all their exertions in a contrary  
direction. And what happened then?  
Was it not a matter of common knowledge  
and general gossip that the would-be  
bidders, who had got so severely bitten at  
their own game, invoked the kind offices  
of a certain omnipotent and ubiquitous  
Bank official to save them from being  
completely smashed up, and that the great  
man did as a matter of fact adopt coercive  
measures and "put the screw on," and  
insisted that the wholesale disposal of  
Bank stock should cease! The inspired  
"bulls," worsted in a barefaced attempt  
at cornering, the legality of which was  
certainly open to doubt, were only saved  
from disastrous consequences by a medium  
which ought to have been far beyond  
having anything to do with such a shady  
business. History repeats itself. It has  
only been too clearly evident of late that  
Bank stock was being industriously  
"boomed" under official auspices, and  
that the promoters of the movement were  
powerfully and influentially supported.  
The speculation met with some degree of  
success, as the rate was recklessly pushed  
up in the fashion so common in the local  
market, and but for that unfortunate Parsee  
failure and another reported loss of nearly  
a lakh owing to a flagrant case of over-  
confidence in what is said to have been a  
one-sided game of exchange speculation,  
the boom would probably have been  
maintained until after the April settle-  
ments, and a substantial haul realised;  
but bad news travel apace and the  
Bombay heavy loss, added to other  
losses and other causes nearer home,  
brought the shares down with a run to  
the tune of eight per cent. in one afternoon  
—hence the weeping and wailing and long  
faces, and unsatisfactory and missing  
accounts on squaring-up day.

The attitude assumed by the dictators  
of the Hongkong Bank towards the new  
National Bank of China has led to much  
discussion in local share circles. "War to  
the knife" is the Christian-like motto of  
these excellent persons, and they are  
carrying on a one-sided and most purpose-  
less warfare with distinguished success. By

dint of hard work the shares of the  
National Bank of China, which were far  
more than fully applied for, have been  
forced down to 27½ per cent. discount,  
and there are numerous Richmonds in  
the field struggling might and main to  
strangle the promising infant at its birth;  
but considering the most satisfactory and  
universal support the new concern has  
received from all classes in the commercial  
world both in London and throughout the  
Far East, and the promising field of  
operations open to its enterprise, it will  
take more than the feeble and factious  
opposition of a few Hongkong share-  
jobbers to crush it in the bud. But why  
this spiteful opposition from the Court of  
Directors of the Hongkong and Shanghai  
Bank and their obsequious satellites and  
time-servers, to a legitimate enterprise  
whose opposition they pretend can do  
their vested interests no harm, and with  
whose leading supporters they are  
apparently on the most harmonious terms?  
It is positively certain that had this National  
Bank of China not been "started," the  
great local Bank would have had  
to face the determined rivalry of a  
powerful German Bank in Hongkong  
in the very near future, and even now it  
is by no means certain that opposition in  
that direction will not be realised before  
many months have passed. In addition to  
all this it is puzzling to reconcile with  
common sense the inconsistency of the  
renowned Court of Directors in their war of  
extermination against the projected  
National Bank of China, while they allow  
several distinguished members of the  
Court, apparently without one word of  
remonstrance, to actively direct and  
support various other banking oppositions  
already existing in the colony. But then  
consistency, like many other esteemed  
qualities which are sadly lacking, is not  
one of the strong points of the *omnium  
gatherum* majority of nondescripts who  
have done so much lately to bring the  
Directorate of the Hongkong and Shanghai  
Bank into well-deserved contempt. That  
these would-be autocrats, who claim to  
absolutely control the business affairs of  
Hongkong, and more especially in regard  
to share transactions, will be brought to  
their proper bearings is a matter of  
certainty, and that at no very far distant  
date. The selfish, tyrannical and utterly  
unjustifiable absolutism which a majority of  
these paid servants of the shareholders  
have initiated and carried into effect, in  
dealing with their employers, the clients  
and supporters of the Bank, has excited  
a feeling of wide-spread indignation and  
general disgust; complaints are heard  
from every side of uncivil and uncourteous  
treatment, and the names of Directors  
who hold their heads high amongst  
their fellows and assume a snuffing  
air of virtue even if they have it not, are  
freely bandied about in connection  
with transactions which are the reverse  
of creditable. Many of the financial  
troubles which have so demoralised the  
local Share Market are attributed by  
those whose judgment is entitled to respect,  
to the one-sided methods adopted by the  
great local Bank in dealing with its  
constituency; favoritism is stated to have  
been rampant and a general state of  
affairs allowed to exist that is certainly  
neither in keeping with the principles embodied  
in the special charter by which this  
institution enjoys valued privileges under  
the ordinances of the colony. If the  
Directors attended to the business for  
which they are so liberally remunerated,  
and which would appear to be treated as  
almost a sinecure of the old-fashioned  
official type, instead of evading their  
responsibilities when openly challenged  
and going out of their way to gratify  
personal animosity and prejudice at the  
expenses of the shareholders, by making  
improper and malicious use of their  
position to act as professional "boy-cotters,"  
after meanly shunning the publicity of the  
charges of mismanagement and neglect  
brought against them, it would be very  
much more to their credit than the present  
untenable attitude they have thought fit  
to assume. Even the Directors of the  
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank are not  
infallible, and individually and collectively  
as their biographies, which we are  
industriously compiling, will clearly show  
remain still a little lower than the angels.

TELEGRAMS.

PORTUGAL AND GREAT BRITAIN.

LONDON, April 21st.

The party by the steamer *Agnes* consisted of

five Englishmen and one hundred natives. The

vessel was carrying prospectors' implements and

was unarmed. On her attempting to leave

Beira, the Portuguese fired on and seized the

steamer, hauled down the British ensign, and

hoisted the Portuguese flag, taking sixteen men

prisoners.

THE COLONISTS DEMAND REDRESS.

April 21st.

The insult offered to the British flag by the

Portuguese in South Africa, the newspaper say,

demands immediate redress. It is understood  
at Cape Town that Lord Salisbury has only  
remonstrated with the Portuguese Government  
regarding the *Agnes* affair. A mass meeting is  
to be held at Cape Town to protest against the  
inaction of the Imperial Government, and the  
newspapers talk of lowering the British flag in  
South Africa.

THE BOERS ON THE WAR-PATH.

April 21st.

There is intense excitement at the Cape owing  
to five thousand Boers arranging for a trek in  
Mashonaland. The High Commissioner of  
Cape Colony, Sir H. B. Loch, telegraphed to  
the President of the Transvaal that the British  
nation would regard the trek as an act of  
hostility, and the President replied that the trek  
would be stopped.

LORD SALISBURY'S ATTITUDE.

The Marquis of Salisbury has demanded an  
explanation from Portugal regarding South  
African affairs, and awaits a reply before taking  
action. The political situation of Portugal is  
very critical.

PORTUGAL BACKS DOWN.

April 24th.

Portugal has assured the Marquis of Salisbury  
of the free navigation of the river Pungwe, and  
has ordered the release of the crews of the  
captured steamers.

FURTHER OUTRAGES.

April 28th.

The British Consul at Delagoa cables that  
Messrs. Colquhoun, Pawley, and the officers of  
the Chartered British African Company were  
brutally assaulted by Portuguese. British lives  
unsafe.

PREPARING FOR ACTION.

April 29th.

H.M.S. *Raleigh* has left Cape Town for the  
East coast of Africa, conveying field guns and  
ammunition.

[The above telegrams, one or two of which have  
already appeared in our columns, show the  
political situation in regard to South African  
affairs, as between Great Britain and Portugal.  
There is no doubt that the alleged brutal  
treatment of Mr. Colquhoun and his colleagues  
has greatly intensified the position, and  
rendered an ultimatum from Lord Salisbury  
to the Portuguese Government almost a  
certainty.—Ed., *Hongkong Telegraph*.]

THE INDIAN TROUBLE.

April 30th.

Manipur was occupied unopposed. The enemy  
fled.

THE TWO THOUSAND GUINEAS.

The Two Thousand Guineas, a subscription  
of 1000 guineas each, half forfeit, for three years old;  
colts 9st. 9lb., fillies 8st. 9lb.; the owner of the second  
horse to receive 200 sovereigns out of the stakes; and  
the third to save his stake. Rowley mile (one  
mile and 17 yards).—86 subs.

Lord Ailington's b.c. Common, by Isonomy.

Mr. J. H. Houldsworth's b.c. Oriente, by Bend  
Or—Napoli.

Lord Durham's b.c. Peter Flower, by Petrarch

—Florida.

THE LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The Japanese cruisers *Hiyu* and *Kongo* left this  
morning for Japan.

THE NEWSPAPER.

The *Newspaper* learns that a German firm in  
Batavia has applied for one of the islands on the  
coast for the purpose of preparing copra. They

will work in combination with a Hamburg firm  
and a capital of 50,000 guineas will be invested  
in the business. If this concession is granted,  
application will be made for other islands on the  
west coast of Sumatra. German colonization  
steadily increases, and in the near future threatens  
to become as serious a danger in British,  
French and Dutch colonies, and in Chinese  
treaty ports, as the flooding of California and the  
Australasian colonies by nomadic Chinese.

THE IDA POLL ROSS CONCERT.

THE *Strait Times* states that on April 21st they "repeated  
LE'ELLE'S AMORE in the Town Hall to a small  
and appreciative audience, consisting chiefly of  
Sir Frederick and Lady Dickson and their  
party." Our contemporary further remarks that  
"the inhospitable treatment which the company has  
received is a slur on our music-loving  
community." We fear that Singapore and Hongkong  
are very much on a level as regards  
appreciation of high-class music. "The Stanley  
Auwels" hit the popular taste exactly in both  
places.

THE BANGKOK TIMES.

The Bangkok Times hears that H. R. H. the  
Crown Prince of Siam will shortly enter the  
priesthood, in conformity with the Buddhist  
religion, and remain there some six months.

During this period H. R. H. will devote his life  
to working towards the Nirvana, the sole end  
and aim of Buddhism. As our readers are  
aware, lay rank is left at the door of the  
monastery and even the identity of the monk  
is suppressed. They are professed mendicants  
and ascetics; all priestly classes are pure, the  
tone is good, and great piety and goodness is  
manifested by the people. As the great object of entering  
the priesthood is the purification of religious  
precepts, the custom is worthy of all praise.<br

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

The following is the report of the General Manager for the year ended the 31st December, 1890, for presentation to the shareholders at the ordinary general meeting of the Company, to be held at the Hongkong Dispensary, on Thursday, the 14th May, 1891.

To the shareholders of A. S. Watson & Co., Limited,

Gentlemen.—I beg to lay before you a statement of the Company's business, with a balance sheet for the year ending the 31st December, 1890.

The net profits of the Company for the twelve months under review, after providing for all bad and doubtful debts, and including \$2,413.88, brought forward from last year, amount to \$84,347.74. We paid an interim dividend of 7 per cent. in November last, absorbing \$35,000.00, and now propose to pay a further dividend of 7 per cent. (making 14 per cent. for the year), which will amount to \$15,000.00, and to carry \$3,000.00 in Reserve Fund to meet contingencies or for equalising dividends (in accordance with Clause 16 of Article 113), leaving a balance of \$1,342.74 to be carried forward.

I estimate that the fire we experienced on the 19th May last indirectly reduced the amount of our net profits for the year by \$20,000.00, as the stocks that remained were quite inadequate to meet the demand until fresh supplies came forward.

The Company's accounts in London have been audited by Messrs. Edward Moore & Son, chartered accountants, and those at the Head Office by Mr. V. A. Caesar Hawkins.

JNO. D. HUMPHREYS,  
General Manager.

Hongkong, 1st May, 1891.

OUR PUBLIC WORKS.

The following report on the operations of the public works for the year 1890 was presented to the Legislative Council on the 30th ulto.:

SURVEYOR-GENERAL'S OFFICE,  
Hongkong, 28th February, 1891.

PRAYA RECLAMATION.

2. There are four separate Reclamations now in progress, viz.:

(a) Reclamation included in  
Ordinance 16 of 1889 ..... 9,191 lineal feet  
(b) Reclamation in front of  
Wharf and Godown Co's  
Marine Lots Nos. 98 to 105,  
West Point ..... 502 "

(c) Reclamation in front of  
Sailors' Home ..... 480 "

Making a continuous length of 10,263 lineal feet.

(d) Reclamation in front of  
Mr. Chater's Marine Lots  
Nos. 240 to 246, Kennedy  
Town ..... 1,410 "

Total ..... 11,673 lineal feet.

equal to 2 1/5th miles.

3. Contracts were let in the spring for the formation of the rubble mound which forms the base of the Harbour wall for Section No. 2, and a portion of Section No. 7, and subsequently for Section No. 3. The work contracted for has an aggregate length of 1,003 feet. The work was actually begun in February last, a memorial stone to commemorate the inauguration of the new Praya having been laid by His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught on 2nd April last. On 31st December the rubble mounds of Sections Nos. 2 and 7 were well advanced, about 2,600 cubic yards of stone having been deposited.

4. It having been decided to substitute blocks of Portland cement concrete for the granite foot for courses of the Praya wall, it became necessary to order the plant required for lifting, transporting and setting these blocks. Accordingly an 8-ton travelling crane, with the necessary rails and other appliances, and a supply of cement, were requisitioned from England through the Crown Agents, and a steam tug of twenty-seven horse power, two block barges, each capable of carrying sixty-five tons, and a floating portion 8-ton crane have been contracted for locally with the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company. The steam tug and block barges are nearly completed, and it is anticipated that both the floating and land crane will be complete and ready for work in May next. As the blocks will be required for the extension of the Praya, arrangements will shortly be made to commence the fabrication of the concrete blocks; and thus provide a sufficient stock to allow the work to be pushed on rapidly.

5. The progress made with the Reclamation in front of the Wharf and Godown Company's property has not been so great as might reasonably have been expected owing to the delay in putting in the granite sleepers. Now, however, these are laid, and the work is above low-water level there is nothing to prevent this reclamation being carried on rapidly and it should be completed in about nine months.

6. The same remark applies to the Reclamation in front of the Sailors' Home. Much time was lost in putting in the foundation courses but now that these are completed this reclamation which lies to the westward of that belonging to the Wharf and Godown Company should be completed at about the same time.

7. The reclamation in front of Mr. Chater's marine lots Nos. 240 to 246, Kennedy Town, has progressed satisfactorily, and but little remains to be done to this extensive reclamation, which will be completed early in the spring. The total area of land reclaimed, including that occupied by public wharves and roads, is about 8.55 acres.

II.—PUBLIC WORKS EXTRAORDINARY.

CENTRAL MARKET.

8. A contract for the foundations and retaining walls was entered into with Mr. Tsang Keng on 23rd May last, and the work was forthwith commenced. Fairly good progress has been made. It has been found necessary to pile the whole of the trenches on the north, or Praya side. Up to 31st December 385 hardwood piles had been driven and there remained to drive about 200. A requisition for the columns, floor girders and beams was forwarded to the Crown Agents in June last. The detailed drawings of the superstructure are nearly completed, and tenders will shortly be called for; so that the Contractor may be in a position to commence operations early in the spring immediately after the completion of the foundations.

GAP ROCK LIGHTHOUSE.

9. Although all preparations had been previously made, it was only found practicable to effect a permanent landing, and establish a detachment of workmen on the Rock, on 21st March last. From that time to the present steady progress has been made. Two derricks were fixed—one on the eastern and another on the western side of the rock, which have greatly facilitated operations, and allow landing to be effected when otherwise it would be altogether impracticable. The first operations undertaken were to form convenient approaches from the landing places to the summit of the rock, and to provide suitable quarters for the workmen employed. Substantial brick coke quarters have been erected capable of lodging 12 men, while on the upper floor there is a suitable apartment

for one European foreman. A brick water tank capable of containing 5,600 gallons has been constructed closely adjoining the coke quarters.

The preparation of the site for the lighthouse was then proceeded with, in which operation it was found necessary to remove by blasting about 1,000 tons of hard metamorphic rock. The foundation stone of the Tower was laid by the Office Administering the Government on 1st September last, and the erection of the Tower and Light-keepers' quarters has since progressed steadily. The basement floor which contains a permanent water tank to hold 12,000 gallons has been completed, and on 31st September the masonry had reached the level of 4 feet above the Tower platform. The number of workmen employed on the rock has varied from 50 to 90. Now that the heat and glare from the bare surface of the rock, the health of all employed has been exceptionally good, which may be in part attributed to the care taken to provide proper lodging, and to maintain them in good sanitary condition, as also to ensure a regular supply of food and fresh water. No serious interruption has occurred in the progress of the work except during the gale of 16 October last, when an exceptionally heavy sea struck the rock and receded on the water tank situated 68 feet above sea-level. The weight of the wave broke the cover of the tank, and admitted a certain quantity of salt water. On this news reaching me, immediate steps were taken to send down a supply of fresh water. During the same gale a considerable quantity of dressed granite, bricks, and sand was washed off the rock, and the derrick on its eastern face was carried away. With this exception the work has proceeded regularly, and without accident, other unusual incident. The progress made reflects much credit on Mr. J. R. Mudie, the Executive Engineer in charge, and Mr. Donald Fraser, Foreman, who has toiled continuously on the rock since April last.

TRAINING ALBANY NULAH AND BRANCHES AND PREPARATION OF KENNEDY ROAD SITES.

10. A contract for this work was entered into on 4th October last, and the work has since been pushed rapidly forward. The masonry of the Channel for the Albany Nulah is nearly completed as far as the Tramway Station, the bridge on the Kennedy Road is in progress, and the small storm channel west of the Tramway is well advanced. I am urging the Contractor to push on with this important work, with a view to its completion if possible before the rainy season begins.

IMPROVEMENTS—RECREATION GROUND—HAPPY VALLEY.

11. A contract for filling in the round pond or lake was entered into on 11th July last, and although considerable difficulties have been encountered in obtaining the large quantity (64,000 cubic yards) of material required to fill in this pond, without interfering unduly with the old Chinese cemetery, and private property, rapid progress has been made and the work is approaching completion. About 15,000 square yards of the area within the Race Course have been returned, but it need hardly be said that the unusually protracted drought has severely tried both the old and new turf. It is proposed to push on as rapidly as possible with the diversion of the canal, and other work remaining to complete these improvements, which when carried out will very nearly double the area available for purposes of recreation.

CATTLE, SHEEP AND PIG DEPOTS AND SLAUGHTER-HOUSES.

12. The area required for the extension of the Cattle Sheds is nearly prepared, but the work has been greatly delayed owing to the refractory nature of the trap rock which it has been necessary to blast.

13. A contract for the preparation of the site of the Slaughter-houses and Sheep and Pig Depots, including extensive excavations and retaining walls, was entered into on 4th October last and the work is being pushed forward. Plans were prepared for so that the work may be put in hand as soon as the preparation of the site is sufficiently advanced.

14. Plans have also been prepared of a small Slaughter-house for the Kowloon Peninsula, and a site has been selected in Hung Hom Bay, east of the Ridge Range. It is proposed to commence the work forthwith, immediately a contract has been entered into.

PUBLIC LAUNDRIES.

15. On the recommendation of a Committee of the Sanitary Board a site for the first experimental block of public laundries has been approved rear the junction of the Kennedy and Wanchai Gap Roads. The working drawings have been prepared, and the buildings will be commenced as soon as the site is cleared.

PUBLIC LATRINES.

16. Two public latrines are in course of erection in Victoria, two have been fixed at Yaumatei and two are now being erected at Hung Hom.

CIVIL HOSPITAL STAFF QUARTERS.

17. A contract for this extensive block of buildings was entered into in November, 1890, and the masonry is now approaching completion. The progress made has not been altogether satisfactory, some delay having arisen in obtaining the fine dressed granite ashlar facings. I have not failed to urge the Contractor to complete these buildings as early as possible.

CIVIL HOSPITAL—COOLIE QUARTERS.

18. The house for the accommodation of the numerous Chinese servants attached to the Hospital was contracted for in January, 1890. This building is well advanced and should be completed early in the spring.

LUNATIC ASYLUM FOR CHINESE.

19. A contract was made for these buildings on 29th April last. Good progress has been made, they are now roofed in and they should be completed ready for occupation early in the summer.

POLICE STATION—ABERDEEN.

20. A contract was entered into and these buildings were commenced on 28th October last. Fair progress has since been made.

POLICE STATION—QUARRY BAY.

21. A site having been selected in consultation with the Captain Superintendent of Police on the rising ground forming the western boundary of Quarry Bay, the working drawings were prepared, the contract let and the work was commenced on 19th November last.

DISTRICT SCHOOL—SAVINGPUN.

22. A convenient site for this school house which is to serve for the western district of Victoria, having been selected by the Inspector of Schools, a contract was entered into and the work was commenced on 17th September last. The foundations have been completed and the walling is progressing satisfactorily.

NEW WING TO GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

23. The new wing, which includes a ball room 60 feet by 40 feet, supper, card and billiard rooms and other accessories, is situated at the eastern end of Government House. The contract is dated 15th April last. The work has been passed on with much energy, and but little remains to be done to complete the work.

QUARTERS FOR SUPERINTENDENT, BOTANICAL DEPARTMENT.

24. Working drawings have been prepared and tenders obtained, and it is proposed to continue to assist in the work of the Surveyor-General's Office until the arrival of Mr. H. P. Tockler, Executive Engineer, in April last. Mr.

NEW PIER—KOWLOON POINT.

25. During the early part of the year the old pier was removed and a new and improved pier of hardwood was constructed to take its place.

NEW PIER FOR POWDER MAGAZINE—STONE CUTTERS' ISLAND.

26. The old pier which was in the last stage of decay has been removed and the construction of a new timber pier of hardwood 175 feet long and feet wide was commenced on 25th November last.

THE GREAT ST RM OF MAY, 1889.

27. The repairs to damage done by that storm were finally completed in August last at a cost of \$16,893; my estimate sent in shortly after the storm occurred having amounted to \$12,783.

III.—PUBLIC WORKS RECURRENT.

REPAIRS TO GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS

28. Beside ordinary repairs to the Government buildings generally, Government House has been thoroughly overhauled and repainted externally. The Government Offices, the Supreme Court, the Central Police Station, and the Civil Hospital have also been painted externally.

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REPAIRS TO ROADS.

30. The roads within the City have been maintained in good condition except in places where the extensive operations of the Water and Drainage Department have rendered it necessary to break up the surface. Almost every street in the City will in the immediate future have to be opened up twice, once for water, and once for drains, it is evident that for some time to come the maintenance of a fairly good surface must prove a work of no small difficulty.

31. Of the district roads outside the City, the carriage road from West Point to Aberdeen has been metalled throughout. All the roads on Hongkong Island have been maintained in good condition with the exception of the bridge road from Aberdeen to Stanley, the bridge on the Kennedy Road is in progress, and the small storm channel west of the Tramway is well advanced. I am urging the Contractor to push on with this important work, with a view to its completion if possible before the rainy season begins.

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IV.—LAND SURVEY BRANCH.

34. A contract for filling in the round pond or lake was entered into on 11th July last, and although considerable difficulties have been encountered in obtaining the large quantity (64,000 cubic yards) of material required to fill in this pond, without interfering unduly with the old Chinese cemetery, and private property, rapid progress has been made and the work is approaching completion.

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38. At the commencement of the year the water and drainage works were detached from the Surveyor-General and established into a separate department, Mr. Cooper, however, continued to assist in the work of the Surveyor-General's Office until the arrival of Mr. H. P. Tockler, Executive Engineer, in April last. Mr.

W. Chatham, Executive Engineer, arrived on 22nd May, and Mr. L. Gibbs, Assistant Engineer, and Mr. C. H. Gale, Chief Draughtsman, on 20th November. These reinforcements have enabled me to commence several of the new works referred to in the earlier portion of this report, and to prepare for the early commencement of others. I beg to record my satisfaction with the manner in which both the old and new Members of the Staff generally have performed their duties.

39. The general health of the Officials of the Department has been good until the latter part of the year when an unusual amount of sickness occurred which has somewhat retarded the operations of the Department.

40. I have deemed it desirable to have returns prepared showing the number of men employed weekly on Government works. Much difficulty was at first experienced in obtaining these returns with any degree of accuracy, as it was not the practice of the Department to keep them in the past. The numbers have gradually increased during the year until during the months of November and December they varied from 1,000 to 3,300. It would appear that latterly this Department has been the largest employer of labour in the Colony. These returns do not include the men employed preparing stone in the quarries nor those on water and drainage works. If to these were added natives working on

the delimitation of the British and Italian spheres of influence from the Blue Nile to the Red Sea.

LONDON, April 16th.

An incident occurred in the House of Commons last night during the discussion on the Irish Sunday Closing Bill. Mr. Parnell, who opposed the Bill on the ground that it was contrary to the wishes of the people of Ireland, was interrupted by Mr. Maurice Healy, who declared that Mr. Parnell in nowise represented the electors of Cork, and challenged him to keep his promise of resigning the seat.

The death is announced of Mr. Edward Greene, Conservative member for Stowmarket, in the county of Suffolk, who at his election, recently, was elected by 3,906 votes.

SIMLA, April 16th.

In a *Gazette Extraordinary* of the Government of India, which was issued to-day, His Excellency the Governor-General in Council says that he has received with the deepest regret, leaving no room for doubt, confirmation of the news of the cruel and treacherous murder at Manpur on the night of the 24th March last, of Mr. Quinton and the following officers who accompanied him under a flag of truce from the British Residency to the Palace of the Regent, namely:—Colonel Skene and Messrs. Grimwood, Simpson and Cossins. It is besides reported that Messrs. Melville and O'Brien were murdered by Manpur rebels at Maynong, on the road between Manpur and Kohima. His Excellency the Governor-General then goes on to say that in Mr. Quinton the State has lost a servant of long service and varied experience, who filled with distinction many important posts to the complete satisfaction of the Government of India. Colonel Skene was an officer of long and highly distinguished service, who passed the greater portion of his career on the Assam Frontier. Mr. Grimwood was attached to the Assam Commission in 1879 and was appointed Political Agent at Manpur in April 1880.

The following is the result of the race for the Craven Stakes for 3-year-olds, distance 1 m. 18 yds., run at Newmarket to-day.

Lord Zetland's Friar Lubin..... 1

Mr. Low's Grec Coon..... 2

Mr. Blundell Maple's Grand Master. 3

LONDON, April 17th.

In the House of Commons last night, Mr. Conybeare moved an adjournment of the House for the purpose of protesting against the treatment Abdool Rassoul had received. Sir J. Gorst replying said that the necessary information was wanting to enable the Government to judge whether the Government of India had acted wisely in arresting Abdool Rassoul. He then narrated the circumstances of Abdool Rassoul's coming to London, and said Lord Cross had refused to grant compensation to Abdool Rassoul owing to the absence of any proof that his arrest was unjust. The motion was negatived without a division.

CALCUTTA, April 17th.

A serious riot has taken place in Benares city. The Hindoos, fearing the demolition of the Ramco Temple by the Municipality, dug up the Water Work pipes connecting the Temple to the distributing station, and destroyed a small pumping engine; they attacked the houses of the Raja Siva Pershad and Baboo Sitaram, also the City Telegraph Office, cutting the wires and plundering the cash chest at Rajahat station of three thousand rupees, and wrecking the places. A strong force of the East Lancashire and 12th Native Infantry were brought out, and eventually restored order. Detachments of troops were sent to guard the Dufferin Bridge, the Bank of Bengal and the Post Office. Volunteers also turned out, 120 of the rioters have been arrested; more arrests are being made.

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### Intimations.

#### TREASURY NOTICE.

#### THE RATING ORDINANCE, 1888.

THE VALUATION LIST for VICTORIA for 1891-92 is open to inspection at the Treasury for Twenty-one Days, commencing from MONDAY, the 4th May. Extracts may be taken.

This Valuation will be in force from July 1st, 1892, to June 30th, 1892.

The last day for appeal to the Supreme Court will be May 23rd. Besides lodging a Formal Appeal in the Court, stating the grounds of such Appeal a copy of such notice must also be sent to the Assessor on or before that date.

The Valuation Lists for the Hill District, Kowloon and the Villages will be open to inspection later on, of which due notice will be given.

Where the Valuation of any Tenement has been altered from that now in force, the Assessor has sent notice of such change to the Owner, if his address is known, or if not, to the Occupier, with a request that he will hand the same to the Owner. The omission to serve such notice does not invalidate the Rate, or form any excuse for not appealing against any Assessment within the prescribed time, viz. May 4th to May 23rd, 1892. All Owners or Occupiers interested in rateable property should therefore inspect the Rate Book within that period.

ARTHUR CHAPMAN, Assessor.

Hongkong, 1st May, 1891. [657]

#### NOTICE.

A SPECIAL Session of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace will be held in the Justice's Room, at the Magistracy, at ELEVEN O'CLOCK in the Forenoon of TUESDAY, the 15th Day of May, A.D. 1891 for the purpose of considering an application from one ROBERT ISHWOOD, for a licence to sell and retail intoxicating liquors in a certain building at Victoria Gap, to be named THE MOUNT AUSTIN HOTEL.

ALFRED G. WISE, Police Magistrate.

Magistracy, Hongkong, 23rd April, 1891. [657]

#### HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

#### HONGKONG DERBY, 1892.

THE WEIGHTS for the above RACE will be weight for fathoms, not for fathoms as heretofore.

E. H. GORE-BOOTH, Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, 17th March, 1891. [443]

#### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

A NEW INTERIM BONUS of Eighteen per cent upon Contributions for the year 1890 has been declared. WARRANTS may be had on application at the Office of the Society, on and after the 6th May.

By the Order of the Board.

N. J. EDE, Secretary.

Hongkong, 5th April, 1891. [658]

A NEW HALF-DECKED CUTTER.

16 feet long, by 5 feet 9 inches beam and 3 feet draft. New Sails and Rigging, etc.

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# THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, MAY 2, 1891.

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### NOTICE.

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Application forms are to be obtained from and to be sent in to the Company's Bankers, the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation in Hongkong on or before TUESDAY, the 5th May 1891, accompanied by payment of \$1 per share for each share applied for.

By Order of the Board.

A. O. D. GOURDIN,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, 23rd April, 1891. [624]

W. S. MARTEL,  
ARTISTIC DECORATOR,

2, DUDDELL STREET,

HONGKONG.

Hongkong, 6th April, 1891. [32]

### NOTICE.

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Hongkong, 10th June, 1891. [122]

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Hongkong, 17th February, 1891. [228]

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Hongkong, 20th May, 1891. [196]

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L. MALLORY.

Hongkong 24th June, 1891. [195]

### Hotels.

STAG HOTEL, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, HONGKONG.

THIS HOTEL, situated in the most Central part of Hongkong, has recently been refitted, and has excellent accommodation for visitors.

The Table is supplied with every delicacy of the Season.

WINES, LIQUORS, &c. of the very best quality only.

Charges Moderate.

HING LEE & Co., Proprietors.

Hongkong, 14th April, 1891. [178]

THE SHAMEEN HOTEL

BRITISH CONCESSION, CANTON.

THIS FIRST CLASS HOTEL, admirably situated within a few minutes walk of the River Steamer Wharves, is now open to receive visitors.

The Bed-rooms are cool, airy and comfortably furnished, and the spacious Dining Room, Sitting Room, and accommodation generally will be found equal to the best Hotels in the Far East.

The Table D'Hôte is supplied with every luxury in season, and the cuisine is in excellent hands.

Wines, Spirits, Malt Liquors, &c., of the best quality only.

A. F. DO ROZARIO,

Manager.

Hongkong, 4th November, 1891. [1047]

THE BOA VISTA,

BISHOP'S BAY, MACAO.

THIS House, situated on the sea shore in one of the best and healthiest parts of Macao, and commanding an admirable view facing the South, was OPENED as a HOTEL, on the 1st July.

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A small dairy is attached to the premises.

Mrs. MARIA R. DO ROZARIO,

Proprietress.

Hongkong, 20th June, 1891. [144]

## Commercial.

### THE WEEK'S SHARE BUSINESS.

Hongkong, May 2nd.

Share business during the week has been of the most insignificant character, and up to date there are no indications of any improvement. Bank shares continue weak at annexed rates, sellers ruling the market.

Docks are the firmest stock in the entire list; a few shares have changed hands for cash at 100 per cent. premium, but the supply proved unequal to the demand and offers to buy at that price are not responded to. Steamboats are unsteady, with sellers at 33, the determined opposition now on the Canton river having entirely taken the backbone out of this once popular stock, and it is greatly to be feared that very much worse times are yet in store for confiding shareholders.

The Indo-China Co.'s steamers are reported to have been doing remunerative business lately, but in spite of this the shares continue to be freely offered at 30 per cent. discount. Popular rumour, which sometimes lies but very often is not far from the truth, is to the effect that the major portion of the Indo-China Co.'s profits is "chow-chowed" by running expenses, very considerable items being commissions, etc., charged by the influential General Managers. Doubtless there are other concerns in the colony of which the same tale could be truly told, but as this is a company in which so many people are interested both here and at home, a careful and impartial investigation of the published reports and accounts would doubtless be read with interest. We shall tackle the job one of these days, *pro bono publico*.

Douglas Steamers are rather out of favor at 47, but whether this is owing to the new Chinese opposition, to slackness of the Coast carrying trade, or to the dormant condition of the Share Market, we are unable to say. Both China Sugars and Luzons are weak at their respective quotations, although inquiries have been frequent during the week. A. S. Watson & Co.'s scrip remains steady at 21 to 23, but of late very few transfers have been reported. Hongkong Ropes are strong at 124, and there are offers to buy Punjoms at 21. There are more unlikely things than this latter stock attracting a good deal of public attention before long, and even another sensational "boom" is well within the bounds of possibility. For the first time within the Company's history the Directors appear to have secured the services of a thoroughly reliable and practical mining expert as manager, a man who knows his business and is not an animated gas-bag, so that if the Punjom concession is really worth working, the shareholders will very soon know it. Since Mr. Becher's deposition from the supreme control, prospects are stated to have improved wonderfully, and not merely on paper. Raubs are still wanted at 80 cents, but few if any shares are available. The other day ten thousand Raubs were advertised to be auctioned at Singapore, but as they were withdrawn on the day of sale it is likely it was only a "bear" dodge to depreciate the stock. Fenwick & Co.'s shares are quoted at \$15, at which rate they are a gift to anybody who has money to invest; the Company has been fully employed for some time past on remunerative work and prospects are in every way satisfactory. In Borneo Planting scrips nothing has been done, and other quotations are mostly of a purely nominal character.

### LATEST QUOTATIONS.

Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, ex New Issue, 104 per cent. premium, sellers.

Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, cum New Issue, 225 per cent. premium, sellers.

Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, New Issue, 310 per cent. premium, sellers.

Union Insurance Society of Canton, \$95 per share, buyers.

China Traders' Insurance Company, \$63 per share, buyers.

North China Insurance, Tls. 275 per share, buyers.

Canton Insurance Company, Limited, \$115 per share, sellers.

Yangtze Insurance Association, Tls. 70 per share, nominal.

On Tai Insurance Company, Limited, Tls. 150 per share.

Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, \$315 per share, sellers.

China Fire Insurance Company, \$85 per share, sellers.

Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company, 4100 per cent. premium, buyers.

Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co., \$15 per share, sellers.

China and Manilla Steam Ship Company, 120 per share, sellers.

Hongkong Gas Company, \$131 per share, sellers.

Hongkong Hotel Company, \$120 per share, buyers.

Hongkong Hotel Co.'s Six per cent. Debentures, \$10.

Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited, 30 per cent. discount, sellers.

Douglas Steamship Company, \$47 per share, sellers.

China Sugar Refining Company, Limited, \$198 per share, sellers.

Luxo Sugar Refining Company, Limited, \$92 per share, sellers.

Hongkong Ice Company, \$60 per share, buyers.

Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited, \$75 per share.

Hongkong Dairy Farm Co., Limited, \$7 per share, sellers.

A. S. Watson & Co., Limited, \$21 per share, buyers.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884, B-21 per cent. premium, sellers.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884, C-5 per cent. premium, buyers.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1886 E-14 per cent. premium.

Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Limited, \$124 per share, buyers.

The Hongkong Steam Laundry Co., Limited, \$35 per share, nominal.

Punjom and Sunghee Dua Samantan Mining Co., \$5 per share, sellers.

The Raub Gold Mining Co., Limited, 80 cents per share, buyers.

Imulus Mining Co., Limited, \$12 per share, buyers.

The Balmoral Gold Mining Co., Limited, \$7 per share, sellers.

Hongkong and Kowloon Wheel and Gear Co., Limited, \$75 per share, buyers.

Per Smith, str., from Keelung, &c.—Mr. and Mrs. Noval and child, and 256 Chinese.

Per *Taiwan*, str., from Sydney—Mr. and Mrs. McDonald, Mr. and Mrs. Sayers, Misses Allison, Kridale, Taylor, and White, Misses Sutherland, Grant, Mowatt, Netterome, Morrison, Merrill, Longfellow, and 88 Chinese.

Per *Fokien*, str., from Tamsui, &c.—Rev. Thomas Barclay, Mr. Richardson, 1 European and 350 Chinese.

Per *Rotaria*, str., from Vancouver—Captain Marshall, Messrs. E. J. Moss, J. P. Dowling, and 49 Chinese.

### REPORTS.

The British steamship *Taiwan* reports that she left Sydney on the 9th ultimo. Had fine weather throughout and strong monsoon.

The Chinese steamship *Smith*, reports that she left Keelung, Tamsui, and Swatow on the 1st instant at 4:30 p.m. Had fine weather up to port.

The British steamship *Benader* reports that she left Saigon on the 28th ultimo. Had light to moderate breeze with clear weather throughout.

The British steamship *Phra Nang* reports that she left Bangkok on the 24th ultimo, and Ko-ni-chang on the 25th. Had light winds and fine weather throughout.

The German steamship *Amoy* reports that she left Wuhan on the 28th ultimo. Had moderate north-easterly winds, and afterwards had variable breezes, with bright atmosphere and fine weather throughout.

The British steamship *Fokien* reports that she left Tamsui on the 27th ultimo. Experienced fresh to moderate east-north-east winds and overcast but fine Amoy. Left Amoy on the 28th. Experienced similar weather to Swatow. Left Swatow on the 1st instant. Experienced light north-easterly winds and fine weather but cloudy to port. In Swatow the steamship *Hai-kong* and *Tengshan*.

## Post Office.

A MAIL WILL CLOSE.

For Bangkok.—Per *Choufa* to-morrow, the 3rd instant, at 8 to A.M.

For Haiphong.—Per *Delta* to-morrow, the 3rd instant, at 9:00 A.M.

For Shanghai.—Per *Ashington* to-morrow, the 3rd instant, at 9:00 A.M.

For Saigon.—Per *Taiwan* to-morrow, the 3rd instant, at 9:00 A.M.

For Shanghai.—Per *Glenorchy* on Monday, the 4th instant, at 9:30 A.M.

For Straits and Bombay.—Per *Nisam* on Monday, the 4th instant, at 11:30 A.M.

For Swatow, Amoy, and Tamsui.—Per *Smith* on Monday, the 4th instant, at 11:30 A.M.

For Swatow.—Per *Fokien* on Monday, the 4th instant, at 11:30 A.M.

## SHIPPING IN HONG